

TWO BADLY HURT BY STREET CAR

Escape From an Awful Death Was
Miraculous.

Clark W. Bolender and Mrs. Frances Vernon
Very Nearly Lost Their Lives.

Mr. Clark W. Bolender, of 670 North Howard st., and Mrs. Frances Vernon, of Cleveland, miraculously escaped a horrible death about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mrs. Vernon, who had been a guest at the Bolender residence, was about to return to Cleveland on the A. B. & C. car which leaves Akron at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Bolender accompanied her to the car track. A small Akron & Cuyahoga Falls car preceded the A. B. & C., and Mr. Bolender flagged the car, not knowing whether it was an A. B. & C., as the car had no sign.

According to eye witnesses, Mrs. Vernon attempted to cross to the east side of the track when the car was 50 yards distant. Apparently her foot caught on the rail and she fell in the middle of the track. Mr. Bolender attempted to help her off the track, but before he was able to do this the car was upon them.

The fender either failed to work or was not lowered and both were caught under it and pushed along for a distance of 40 feet before the car was stopped. It was necessary to back the car before they could be taken out.

Mr. Bolender weighs 250 pounds and it was probably his large stature that saved both himself and the woman from being ground to death by the wheels.

Mrs. Vernon was rendered unconscious. Her right ear was almost severed and 20 stitches were required

to close the wound. The heel of her right foot was crushed and there was a severe contusion on her hip. She was taken to the City hospital in Park's ambulance. While she is seriously injured, she will recover. She is 50 years old.

Mr. Bolender's nose was broken, his legs were badly injured and he received two deep gashes on the forehead. His coat was torn in two down the back, his shoe was cut open, his trousers were torn and his vest was covered with blood. Mr. Bolender is seriously, although not dangerously, injured. He is a traveling salesman for the Aultman, Miller & Co.

Drs. C. T. Hill, E. O. Leberman, L. B. Humphrey and C. E. Held attended the injured.

The car, No. 82, was in charge of Motorman Chas. C. Pomeroy, of 519 West Chestnut st., and Conductor Michael J. Ford, of 501 Washington st.

Mrs. Bolender, wife of the injured man, was an eye witness to the accident. To a Democrat reporter she said Wednesday morning:

"I was standing on the front porch and saw Mrs. Vernon fall and my husband attempt to help her to rise. He had signaled to the motorman and expected the car would stop. Instead it kept right on. Oh, I shall never forget the sight as long as I live. I expected to find both my husband and Mrs. Vernon horribly mangled. It is nothing but the hand of God that saved their lives."

POSTMASTER SHAW SAYS IT'S STRANGE

That "Gen. Dick Who Wants Third Term Himself" Should Turn Him Down

Special Correspondence.)
Barberton, April 30.—"Have you heard from that letter yet, Mr. Shaw?" inquired the reporter.
"What letter?" said the postmaster.
"The one you wrote General Dick a couple of weeks ago."
"No, I haven't heard a word."
"Do you still expect a reply?"

"I don't know what to think," answered the postmaster, "but it does seem very strange to me that General Dick should turn a man down for a second term when he is after a third term himself."
In the meantime Mr. Davies is "layin' low, sayin' nothin'" waiting for the arrival of the commission of which he is now sure.

Wife Says Her Husband Had Favorite Method of Tormenting Her

Mrs. Nellie Cook, of Akron, in a petition for divorce from Geo. M. Cook, accuses her husband of extreme cruelty, and describes one method which she claims was his favorite means of torturing her.
This method, says the plaintiff, came to him as the result of a fit of anger one evening when she asked him to spend a part of the evening at home. She states that he bent her back over the foot of a bed, so that her feet touched the floor and

her head touched the bed mattress. This caused her so much pain, she states, that it also pleased her husband to repeat the torture once every week for nearly two years. On other occasions, declares the plaintiff, he would strike her, often causing her nose to bleed. Once, she says, he threatened to shoot her, and another time to "fix her with a knife." Mrs. Cook wants her maiden name and alimony. They were married June 7, 1898. Mayor Doyle is counsel for the plaintiff.

STOP TALKING. The Order Has Been Sent From Akron to Messrs. Seese and Harris.

(Special Correspondence.)
Columbus, O., April 30.—Senator Harris has closed up like the proverbial clam, regarding the bill to reform the government. Representative Seese has done likewise, only more so. They both have received orders from Akron to keep their mouths shut, and Senator Harris has been soundly scored for his statement.
Mayor Doyle of Akron and Representative Seese were both opposing the bill. The fact is, Senator Harris had no idea what a hornet's nest his words would stir up. He did not

quite understand the situation, it appears, or know that the cue was to be ostentatiously in favor of the bill while secretly preventing its passage.
Mr. Seese is pretty warm under the collar at the disclosures made by Senator Harris and his admiration of Mr. Harris' perspicacity is not a burden which he needs help in carrying.
Who has been issuing orders to Messrs. Seese and Harris to keep quiet, the Democrat correspondent has been unable positively to learn. "Never mind, the people of Akron will know who it is," is the answer given to an

Defeat For Home Rule-- Salary Bills Are Laws-- Buchtel Opposed Them

(Special Correspondence.)

Columbus, O., April 30.—The House today concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill increasing the salaries of all firemen in Akron, and the law will take effect, Sept. 1, 1902. The increase given the fire chief is 50 per cent, and others are proportionately large. The bill was notoriously against the principle of home rule, as it is well known here that the Akron Council has refused to increase the salaries because of the city's lack of funds.

It is conservatively estimated that the bill increasing these salaries will cost Akron \$15,000 every year after Sept. 1.

One of the prominent members of the Akron Citizens' Committee of Fifty said today that matters had reached such a crisis that very probably a meeting of the Committee would be called for the purpose of protecting the interests of the taxpayers.

He suggested that one of the first steps likely to be taken would be the bringing of a suit to test the constitutionality of the measure increasing the salaries of firemen, on the ground that it is special legislation applying only to Akron.

Police Grab Also Goes Through-- Mr. Buchtel Speaks For Taxpayers.

(Special Correspondence.)

Columbus, O., April 30.—Shortly after the House had concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill increasing the salaries of Akron's firemen, the bill increasing the salaries of Akron's policemen was taken up and Senate amendments also concurred in. Both bills are now laws.

The police bill provides that the Chief of Police shall receive \$1,500 per year; Captain, \$1,200; Lieutenant, \$1,050, and Patrolmen, \$75 per month. The patrolmen now receive \$60.

The increase in salaries of the police will also be in effect after the 1st of September.

Speaking of his opposition to the salary measure bill, Representative Buchtel said to the Democrat this afternoon, over a long distance telephone:

"I opposed it because I believe that we now have more officers than we need, and I also realized that we have been making some pretty heavy drains on the city treasury. By taking on the \$200,000 bond issue we have increased our expenses considerably, and I thought that the police could wait a little while longer, same as the public must wait for improvements, on account of a shortage of funds. I had never seen the bill until it was introduced."

BECAUSE HE HAD NO MONEY

A Cleveland Workman Put an
End to His Life.

Cleveland, O., April 30.—Charles Saul, an employe of Hempy's box factory on Seneca st., committed suicide by shooting today, in the workshop of the plant. He left a farewell letter saying that physicians had notified him that it would be necessary to have an operation performed on his wife at a hospital in order to save her life, and that he did not have money to pay the expenses. Saul lived with his wife at 362 Lake st.

FIREMAN RACED

Against Time, But Could Not
Save Engineer's Life.

Lima, O., April 30.—Engineer Clifford Harper, of this city, met with a frightful fatal accident near Roachton, on the C. H. & D. north of here. Engineer Harper was leaning out of the cab window while his engine was pulling a freight train at the rate of 40 miles an hour. He did not see a projecting mail crane, which dealt him a terrible blow on the head, crushing his skull and knocking him senseless on the floor of the cab. Fireman Holland, realizing the danger to the train, and seeing that he could do nothing for his companion, grabbed the throttle and increased the speed of the train until it reached Perryburg, where Engineer Harper was taken off and given medical attention. He died in two hours.

It Is Not True.

London, April 30.—There is no truth in the report circulated in the United States today that Gen. Delarey, with three Boer commandos, has surrendered to the British in South Africa.

BATTLE Between Citizens and Burglars.

Latter Escape After
Desperate Fight.

Three of Them Were Afterward
Captured.

Pittsburg, April 30.—Five burglars blew open the safe in Daub & Pressler's grocery store, Craft ave., Crafton, Pa., about 3 o'clock this morning. The explosion aroused the citizens and a desperate fight ensued between the officers, the citizens and the thieves. Officer Thomas Westcott was shot through the leg and Officer Wm. M. Peake, was struck on the head with a heavy chisel. The latter's condition is serious. The burglars finally escaped with the cash box, containing about \$30. They went toward the Steubenville pike with a score of citizens at their heels.

There is apparently little doubt that the thieves are the same who have been operating in this vicinity for the past few weeks, and who shot Engineer Frank Stump of the Pittsburg & Western railroad near Milvale on Monday morning.

Later three of the burglars were captured and identified by Officer Westcott. Joseph Sullivan, believed to be the leader of the gang, was caught while swimming Chartier's creek.

OLD BET

Was Decided When the Steeple
Blew Over.

Oregon, Ill., April 30.—The fierce storm that swept this region last Tuesday settled a bet that was made 22 years ago, and a Methodist church was mixed up in the wager.

Over two decades ago Zach Snider and G. A. Mix concluded to put up a joke on T. A. Jewett, a cigar dealer in this city. The two went into his store and told him that they had just made a bet of a box of 10 cent cigars, the latter to be paid for by the loser when the bet was decided. Jewett turned over a box of fine Havanas to the pair. Then he was told that Mix had bet Snider that when the Methodist steeple blew over it would fall north, but Snider held out that it would go forward to the east.

On Tuesday the wind took off about seven feet of the lofty structure and piled it over on the sod to the east, and Snider won the bet, which Mix has now paid.

NEW POLICE.

One Appointed, and Two More
Vacancies Will be Filled.

Mr. Timothy Cronan, of 213 Bell st., a brother of "Sim" Cronan, has been appointed to a regular position on the police force.

There were three vacancies to fill and he takes one of them. The other two will be filled soon. The vacancies occurred by the resignation of Detective Dunn, the death of Officer Pike and the dismissal of Patrol Operator Russell.

RATHBONE

Has Sued His Sister on a Sensa-
tional Charge.

Hamilton, O., April 30.—Thomas J. Rathbone, agent for Major Estes G. Peddisord, has filed a sensational suit against Mrs. Rathbone's sister, Mrs. Kate C. Minor, claiming \$1,243.93. He asserts that Mrs. Minor has fled from her home and from the county to escape service and that she has converted her property into cash to defraud her creditors. She recently sold one piece of real estate to G. A. Rent-schler, for \$10,500.

STAMPEDE

To the Mew Gold Fields at Sand
Creek.

Butte, Mont., Apr. 30.—Late accounts from Sand Creek, the scene of the recent gold discovery, tell of a general stampede to the new fields. The ground for a radius of ten miles has been staked off, miners leaving their work to make locations in the vicinity of the rich strike.

The late discovery was made in Whippoorwill gulch and the mineral is said to assay into the thousands.

THE WEATHER:

FAIR TONIGHT AND THURSDAY.

DR. RIDOUT ASKS DIVORCE.

Charging His Wife With Desertion, Jealousy and Slander, He Seeks Legal Separation.

Arthur C. Ridout, M. D., erstwhile specialist in Akron, who left here suddenly early this year, and whose office furniture was subsequently attached for rent, has appealed to the courts of Stark county for divorce from his wife, Minnie M. Ridout. While in this city, the Ridouts lived at 124 North Union st., and it was known to residents in that neighborhood that the dove of domestic peace lingered not around the family altar. Mrs. Ridout bade adieu to her specialist last fall, taking with her the youngest daughter, 15 years of age, and went presumably to Youngstown, where a married daughter of the couple resides.

In his petition for divorce, Dr. Ridout states that his wife disappeared last fall for parts unknown and took with her the youngest daughter. He also avers that the demon, jealousy, was present in his wife's heart, and that she slandered him among his customers, and caused him "great mental

HYPOCRISY Revealed by Defeat of Seese Reform Bill.

Politicians Rally to Defense of the
Pie Counter,

But Have No Concern For Interests of the
People.

A New "Detective," and Some Work He Might
Perform.

The people are about ready to demand that if the politicians in control of the local Republican machine would be more than sham reformers they must quit their present grandstand and get down to business.

Columbus after column of insinuation and abuse has been written in their organ about two Councilmen who are accused of breaking pledges to the detriment of their party—but what is being said of the more important pledges that have been broken to the detriment of the city of Akron?

If Mayor Doyle makes a great big hurrah for a new government, and then is accused by a State Senator of writing to him in opposition to the change, will not the people be as much interested in knowing the facts in this case, as in the Council muddle?

The people will not approve the Beacon's smiling at a giant of iniquity and afterwards screaming itself hoarse over some trivial matter, simply because it does not redound to the "everlasting glory of the party."

But the Dobsonian detectives are still at work. The B. J. tells a complicated story about an alleged brilliant piece of work performed by Mayor's Clerk Irvin, but its attempt to compliment him miscarried to the extent that an injustice was done instead. One might infer from the story that "Bill" has been doing a stunt in eavesdropping, key-holing or Peeping-Tommy, yet those who know him well believe he is above such work. However, admitting that the B. J. has told the truth in this matter, it will be seen that the tactics employed by the detectives are after the same booby, Smart-Alecky fashion employed

throughout. How is the great, dignified city of Akron to be benefited by scratching around in a cuspidor and sneaking around, prying noses into places where good manners and business decency forbid their intrusion? But there is much that Detective "Bill" Irvin might tell the people that would be of real interest to them. He has been familiar with police work for more than a year, and will doubtless be able to drop a few words of explanation on these questions:

Who has pulled the strings so tight that officers are afraid to arrest certain law-breakers, and if they do, are reprimanded for their temerity?

Why is it that every once in a while some poor Dago, doing business in the outskirts of the city, is hauled before the Mayor for selling liquor on Sunday and fined \$25 and costs, while officers are instructed not to molest certain influential saloonists?

Was the crusade declared on gambling dens a mere sham, or is it possible that gambling devices can be conducted with impunity right under the noses of the police?

What was the aggregate amount of the fines and costs collected last winter as the result of the Mayor's public declaration that every property owner who didn't shovel snow off his sidewalk would be arrested and fined to the full limit?

These are only a few of the problems that Detective Irvin will be asked to solve, if he proves himself competent in his new field. If he cannot answer them, he would do well to continue to woo fame in the games of ping-pong and tiddlywinks, and allow others to achieve victories in the detective field.

"GOOD BYE FOLKS, WE'RE GOING WEST."

Brief But Meteoric Career of Two Akron School-
boys, Who Were Tired of Akron.

"Good bye, folks. We're going out west to make our fortunes, and you won't see us for a long time," was the telephone message that came to the parents of Lloyd Fisher and Henry Norrance, from Barberton, Tuesday. The boys are but 13 years old. Norrance's parents live in Portage township, and Fisher's at 219 Andrews st. Both attend the Miller school, and they started off as usual Tuesday morning, so that the message from Barberton came like a thunderbolt to the astonished parents. The Akron police and the marshal at Barberton were notified, and word was also sent to surrounding towns immediately, but all day a search was made in vain.

The travelers were captured at Mansfield, Tuesday night, after they had ridden there from Barberton over the Erie. They were arrested and Akron officials notified at once, with the result that their parents sent on the price of tickets to Akron, and the embryo cowboys and Indian fighters were returned here Wednesday morning, in charge of the conductor of the Erie train.

When the train arrived here, Truant Officer Watson was at the depot to get the boys but they were still dissatisfied with their adventure, and got off the train on the opposite side and put out down the track at top speed, in the direction of the Old Forge. Mr. Watson spied them, however, and soon rounded them up. The boys were taken to police headquarters, and locked up. They will face the Mayor Thursday morning.